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12	Petitioner,	
13	v.	VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF
14	ALBERTO GONZALES, in his official	HABEAS CORPUS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2241
15	capacity as Attorney General of the United States; MICHAEL CHERTOFF, in his official capacity as Secretary of the United	[REDACTED]
16	States Department of Homeland Security; NANCY ALCANTAR, in her official	
17	capacity as Field Office Director for the Office of Detention and Removal	
18	Operations for Immigration and Customs Enforcement; DAVID SEPULVEDA, in	
19	his official capacity as Director of the Main Jail of the Santa Clara County Correctional	
20	Facilities,	
21	Respondents.	
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20	Verified Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 - [REDACTED]	CASE NO. C 07-3534 MMC

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. Petitioner Yuttasak Simma, a longstanding Bay Area resident with derivative United States citizenship, has been detained by Respondents for more than three months, while removal proceedings against him remain pending in Immigration Court.
- 2. In detaining Mr. Simma, Respondents have acted outside their jurisdiction and authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act, which applies only to "aliens." Detained after a brief interview lasting about ten minutes, Mr. Simma never had an opportunity to submit evidence demonstrating his derivative citizenship before the deprivation of his liberty at Respondents' hands.
- 3. Respondents' continued detention of Mr. Simma is not a result of criminal conviction, or a result of immediate removal. Rather, it is a bureaucratic application of the detention provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA") based on an incorrect and unsubstantiated assumption of alienage.
- 4. While imprisoned, Mr. Simma has since gathered and presented documentary evidence demonstrating his United States citizenship to the Immigration Court where the removal proceedings are pending. Mr. Simma also filed an N-600 "Application for Certificate of Citizenship," attaching the evidence of his citizenship to the Department of Homeland Security. The Immigration Court granted a continuance allowing Mr. Simma's filing of the N-600 application. The Immigration Court, however, has failed to release Mr. Simma while the citizenship paperwork is being processed.
- 5. Having demonstrated substantial prima facie evidence of his derivative citizenship, which took effect due to his mother's naturalization years ago, Mr. Simma still faces a lengthy and uncertain period of continued incarceration. The wait for the government's processing of his citizenship certificate sees no definite end, and the eventual adjudication of the removal proceedings is even more remote.
- 6. Respondents' detention of Mr. Simma has no statutory authority. Instead, it violates the Non-Detention Act, 18 U.S.C. § 4001(a), which prohibits the detention of U.S. citizens absent explicit congressional authorization. Moreover, the lengthy pre-removal detention

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ignores Mr. Simma's citizenship status, violates his rights under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and dilutes his Fourteenth Amendment right to U.S. citizenship.

- Mr. Simma petitions this Court for an immediate release from incarceration. The remedy Mr. Simma seeks is a just and reasonable one — release from prison under reasonable bail and/or supervision, while waiting for his citizenship certificate and termination of the removal proceedings in Immigration Court.
- Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243, Mr. Simma respectfully requests the Court to immediately order Respondents to show cause why the writ of habeas corpus should not be granted. Mr. Simma also requests a prompt hearing be set upon Respondents' return on the order to show cause.

JURISDICTION

9. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (habeas corpus); 28 U.S.C. § 1651 (All Writs Act); 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); 28 U.S.C. § 2201-02 (declaratory relief); and the U.S. Constitution, Art. I, § 9, Cl. 2 (Suspension Clause). See, e.g., Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, 542 U.S. 507, 525 (2004) ("absent suspension, the writ of habeas corpus remains available to every individual detained within the United States.").

VENUE

10. Venue is proper in the Northern District of California because Mr. Simma is detained at the Main Jail of the Santa Clara County Correctional Facilities in San Jose, California. Habeas L.R. 2254-3(a); 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

EXHAUSTION

11. Mr. Simma is not required to exhaust administrative remedies, under 8 U.S.C. § 1252(d)(1), because the remedies sought with this petition do not concern a final removal order. Rather, this petition challenges Respondents' pre-removal detention of Mr. Simma. Moreover, only an "alien" is required to meet the exhaustion requirements. Exhaustion does not apply to individuals with non-frivolous claims to U.S. citizenship. Minasyan v. Gonzales, 401 F.3d 1069, 1075 (9th Cir. 2005).

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12. No petition for habeas corpus has previously been made to this Court or to any other Court in connection with this matter.

PARTIES

Petitioner Acquired Automatic Derivative Citizenship Pursuant to INA § 321(a)

- 13. Born out of wedlock on in Thailand, Petitioner Simma was a minor when his natural mother, Prasai Paar, became a naturalized United States citizen on November 21, 1985 in Los Angeles, CA. See Exh. A. His natural father, Vilay Simma, passed away on November 26, 1990 in Thailand. See Id.
- 14. Mr. Simma entered the United States as a lawful permanent resident on or about May 9, 1988. He has since lived in the United States for nineteen years, including three plus years in Hawaii, followed by fifteen plus years in the Bay Area.
- 15. Mr. Simma has two young citizen children, ages three and six. They currently live in the Bay Area with Mr. Simma's natural mother and stepfather. The children's natural mother and Mr. Simma were never married. She has not visited the children for the past ten months.
- 16. Mr. Simma graduated from high school in Milpitas, CA. He held various full-time and part-time jobs before imprisonment, including working as a park ranger, cashier, machine operator, and assembly line worker.
- 17. Pursuant to INA § 321(a), his mother's naturalization when he was a minor <u>automatically</u> triggered Mr. Simma's derived citizenship. *See Minasyan v. Gonzales*, 401 F.3d 1069, 1075-76 (9th Cir., 2005) (applying INA § 321(a) and reasoning that "[a]s with all forms of citizenship, derivative citizenship is determined under the law in effect at time the critical events giving rise to eligibility occurred."); INA § 321(a) (8 U.S.C. § 1432(a)) (repealed 2000).
- 18. Specifically, INA § 321, entitled "Children born outside of United States of alien parents; conditions for automatic citizenship," provides that "(a) A child born outside of the United States of alien parents, or of an alien parent and a citizen parent who has subsequently lost citizenship of the United States, becomes a citizen of the United States upon the fulfillment of the following conditions:
 - (1) The naturalization of both parents; or

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(2) The naturalization of the	surviving parent if one	of the parents is	deceased; or
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- (3) The naturalization of the parent having legal custody of the child when there has been a legal separation of the parents or the naturalization of the mother if the child was born out of wedlock and the paternity of the child has not been established by legitimation; and if
- (4) Such naturalization takes place while such child is unmarried and under the age of eighteen years; and
- (5) Such child is residing in the United States pursuant to a lawful admission for permanent residence at the time of the naturalization of the parent last naturalized under clause (1) of this subsection, or the parent naturalized under clause (2) or (3) of this subsection, or thereafter begins to reside permanently in the United States while under the age of eighteen years."
- 19. The naturalization of Mr. Simma's mother in 1985 while he was a minor triggered the combination of sub-clauses (3), (4), and (5). Additionally and alternatively, the death of Mr. Simma's natural father while he was a minor triggered the combination of sub-clauses (2), (4), and (5). Mr. Simma has presented to Immigration Court and the Department of Homeland Security documentary evidence, including his mother's naturalization certificate, his birth certificate, and his father's death certificate, demonstrating his United States citizenship under INA § 321(a). See Exh. A.

Respondents Are Responsible For the Detention and Release of Mr. Simma

- 20. Respondents have detained Mr. Simma for more than three months since March 28, 2007. The place of the incarceration is at the Main Jail of the Santa Clara County Correctional Facilities.
- 21. Respondent Alberto Gonzales is the Attorney General of the United States and the head of the U.S. Department of Justice, which encompasses the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Court and Immigration Judges as a subunit of the Executive Office for Immigration Review. Mr. Gonzales bears responsibility for the implementation and enforcement of immigration laws along with Respondent Michael Chertoff of the U.S. Department of

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Homeland Security. Mr. Gonzales is sued in his official capacity.

- 22. Respondent Michael Chertoff is the Secretary of Homeland Security and heads the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the arm of the U.S. government responsible for enforcement of immigration laws. Mr. Chertoff is the ultimate legal custodian of Mr. Simma. Mr. Chertoff is sued in his official capacity.
- 23. Respondent Nancy Alcantar is the Field Office Director for Detention and Removal in the San Francisco District Office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In this capacity, she has jurisdiction over the detention facility in which Mr. Simma is held, is authorized to release Mr. Simma, and is a legal custodian of Mr. Simma. Ms. Alcantar is sued in her official capacity.
- 24. Respondent David Sepulveda is the Director of the Main Jail of the Santa Clara County Correctional Facilities and is Mr. Simma's immediate custodian. Mr. Sepulveda is sued in his official capacity.

FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 25. At the time of his mother's naturalization, Mr. Simma was thirteen years old. Two and a half years later, Mr. Simma entered the United States as a lawful permanent resident on or about May 9, 1988. He has since lived in the United States for nineteen years.
- 26. On November 9, 2006, Mr. Simma was convicted, following a plea bargain arrangement, to the offense of possession of a controlled substance for sale, in violation of § 11378 of the California Health and Safety Code.
- 27. Due to good behavior and other factors, Mr. Simma's sentence was completed in March 2007. But at or few days before the completion of his criminal sentence in March 2007, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") imprisoned Mr. Simma to the Santa Clara County Correctional Facility.
- 28. On March 27, 2007, the day before ICE's detention of Mr. Simma, ICE briefly interviewed him for about ten minutes. During the interview, Mr. Simma informed ICE officers that his mother is married to an American citizen and that he legally entered the U.S. while he was a minor. Despite this knowledge, ICE failed to investigate Mr. Simma's citizenship status, or

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provide opportunities for Mr. Simma to present citizenship evidence before jailing him.

- 29. A March 28, 2007 Notice to Appear was served on Mr. Simma, and filed with the Immigration Court, alleging Mr. Simma is an "alien" convicted of an aggravated felony pursuant to § 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Presumably, the government's authority for Mr. Simma's detention for the removal proceedings is 8 U.S.C. § 1226(c), which requires mandatory detention of a certain subgroup of aliens charged with removal on criminal grounds.
- 30. Removal proceedings are currently pending against Mr. Simma in San Francisco. California. A continuance was granted to allow Mr. Simma's immigration counsel, the Asian Law Caucus, to submit an N-600 Application for a Certificate of Citizenship to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("CIS"), an agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- 31. On June 13, 2007, the N-600 application along with supporting documents. including the naturalization certification of Mr. Simma's natural mother, his birth certificate, and the death certificate of his natural father, was submitted to the Department of Homeland Security. See Exh. A.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION -ICE HAS NO STATUTORY A TO DETAIN A PERSON THAT HAS A SUBSTANTIAL CLAIM OF CITIZENSHIP FOR REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

- 32. The foregoing allegations are repeated and fully incorporated herein.
- 33. Respondents' March 28, 2007 Notice of Hearing, the first such notice after the detention of Mr. Simma, refers to INA § 237 as the statutory basis for the removal proceedings in Immigration Court. Respondents, however, did not provide any statutory grounds for detaining Mr. Simma in prison. Presumably, Respondents are relying on the mandatory detention provision, § 236(c), of INA. The reliance is misplaced for at least the following reasons.
- INA § 236(c), 8 U.S.C. § 1226(c), only authorizes the detention of "aliens" and cannot be broadly interpreted to include individuals who are either citizens or have a nonfrivolous claim of citizenship. The text of § 236(c) makes clear that the authorization relates only to "aliens." See INA § 236(c)(1) ("The Attorney General shall take into custody any alien who ...

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- ."). The statute never mentions a citizen, or a person with a substantial claim of citizenship.
- 35. The reach of INA § 236(c) applies only to a subgroup of aliens, and would not be acceptable if applied to citizens or persons with a substantial claim of citizenship. See Demore v. Kim, 538 U.S. 510, 531 (2003) (upholding § 236(c)'s permissibility as applied to only criminal aliens who have conceded that they are deportable.") A central part of the Kim Court's rationale is that the statute's constitutionality hinges on the distinction between aliens and citizens. See Id. at 521 ("Congress regularly makes rules that would be unacceptable if applied to citizens.").
- 36. The Ninth Circuit has since Kim echoed the limited applicability of § 236(c) to a subgroup of aliens. Tijani v. Willis, 430 F. 3d 1241, 1242 (9th Cir. 2005) ("we interpret the authority conferred by § 1226(c) as applying to expedited removal of criminal aliens") (emphasis added); Id. at 1247 (Tashima, J., concurring) (urging a limited application of § 236(c) only to "those immigrants who could not raise a substantial argument against their removability").
- 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), which is the provision that the government may assert when § 1226(c) is inapplicable, similarly authorizes the detention of only "aliens." 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) ("On a warrant issued by the Attorney General, an alien may be arrested and detained pending a decision on whether the alien is to be removed from the United States.").
- 38. Petitioner's submission of evidence of his derivative citizenship, including his mother's naturalization certificate, his birth certificate, and his father's death certificate, to the Immigration Court and the submission of the N-600 Application for Certificate of Citizenship to CIS has presented prima facie and substantial evidence of citizenship. Having established a substantial claim of citizenship, Mr. Simma should not be forced to suffer continued imprisonment based on Respondents' mistaken application of the detention statute.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION -ICE HAS NO STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO INDEFINITELY HOLD A PERSON THAT HAS A SUBSTANTIAL CLAIM OF CITIZENSHIP IN PRE-REMOVAL DETENTION

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39. The foregoing allegations are repeated and fully incorporated herein.

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40. The indefinite detention of Mr. Simma after he has made a prima facie case of citizenship is beyond the limited time scope authorized by the detention statute. The Ninth

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Circuit held that the authority of §1226(c) rests on "expedited removal." Tijani v. Willis, 430 F. 3d 1241, 1242 (9th Cir. 2005). Past cases in the Ninth Circuit reveal that Mr. Simma's current detention, if unchecked by this Court's review, could be extremely lengthy. See, e.g., Minasyan v. Gonzales, 401 F.3d 1069 (9th Cir. 2005) (upholding a derivative citizenship claim four years after the commencement of a second round of removal proceedings). An indefinite waiting period for the resolution of Mr. Simma's removal order and any appeals thereafter cannot be regarded as "expedited removal" and thus fails to comport with the legal boundary of the detention statute.

- 41. Similarly to § 1226(c), § 1226(a), which is the provision that the government may assert when § 1226(c) is inapplicable, does not specify the time period under which an alien may be held pending removal proceedings. Given that § 1226(c) is limited to a "brief period necessary for their removal proceedings," § 1226(a) must similarly be held to a necessary brief period. Demore v. Kim, 538 U.S. at 513; see also Tijani v. Willis, 430 F.3d at 1242. Indeed, § 1226(a) contains a bail provision, which would be rendered superfluous if the discretionary detention were allowed to extend beyond a brief period of time necessary. See 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a)(2).
- 42. The "brief" time allowed for Mr. Simma's pre-removal hold has turned into an extended waiting period under Respondents' bureaucratic application of the detention statute. Mr. Simma now faces imprisonment for an indeterminate time before the adjudication of the final removal order. The prolonged detention is particularly unreasonable as Mr. Simma already provided evidence of his derivative citizenship, which was automatically triggered in 1985. The evidence already-submitted to the government demonstrates that there is "no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future." Zadvydas v. Davis, 533 U.S. 678, 699-701 (2001) (stating that "once removal is no longer reasonably foreseeable, continued detention is no longer authorized by statute").

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION -THE NON-DETENTION ACT, UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 4001(A), PROHIBITS THE DETENTION OF A PERSON THAT HAS A SUBSTANTIAL CLAIM OF CITIZENSHIP ABSENT CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION

43. The foregoing allegations are repeated and fully incorporated herein.

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- 44. The Non-Detention Act states that "No citizen shall be imprisoned or otherwise detained by the United States except pursuant to an Act of Congress." 18 U.S.C. § 4001(a).
- 45. The Non-Detention Act is a broad statutory command, "proscribing detention of any kind by the United States" of a United States citizen. See Howe v. Smith, 452 U.S. 473, 480 n.3 (1981) (emphasis in original).
- 46. Section 4001(a) demands a clear statement of authorization to detain. Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, 542 U.S. 507, 545 (2004). Congress has not authorized the indefinite detention under INA of a person that has a substantial claim of citizenship. Therefore, Respondents' continued detention of Mr. Simma, a person with substantial evidence of citizenship, is a direct violation of the Non-Detention Act.
- 47. Even the authority of war power is not justification for the indefinite detention of a citizen. Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, 542 U.S. 507, 542 (2004) (Souter, J., concurring). In contrast, Mr. Simma poses no threat to national security. He has fully served the sentence for his non-violent drug offense. As a single parent to two young citizen children with strong family and local ties, he poses no significant flight risk. His continued detention is the precise evil the Non-Detention Act seeks to prevent.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION -VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT – NO CONSTITUTIONALLY ADEQUATE PROCESS WAS IN PLACE BEFORE THE PETITIONER'S DETENTION

- 48. The foregoing allegations are repeated and fully incorporated herein.
- 49. An essential principle of due process is that a deprivation of life, liberty, or property be preceded by notice and opportunity for hearing appropriate to the nature of the case. Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, 542 U.S. 507, 533 (2004) (citing Cleveland Bd. of Ed. v. Loudermill, 470 U.S. 532, 542 (1985)). Due process requires that the government's assertion of facts such as the issue of Mr. Simma's alienage should not be presumed to be correct. *Id.* at 537.
- 50. Respondents' decision to detain Mr. Simma was solely based on an incorrect assumption of alienage, the result of a woefully-inadequate ten-minute interview, in which Respondents had notice that Mr. Simma's mother is married to an American citizen. Ignoring the

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likelihood that Mr. Simma could be a derivative citizen, Respondents provided no opportunity for Mr. Simma to rebut their incorrect assumption of alienage before trampling his liberty.

51. An individual's liberty is a core fundamental individual right protected by the Due Process Clause. See Zadvydas v. Davis, 533 U.S. 678, 690 (2001). It is not to be breached, even for one day, without extreme caution. The detection of Mr. Simma has resulted in imminent and irreparable harm on him and his family. Having served the entire sentence under his non-violent drug offense, Mr. Simma would have been free to return home to his two daughters, were it not for the pre-removal hold by Respondents. That harm has been enhanced by the prolonged imprisonment Mr. Simma is facing, and further exacerbated by the Immigration Court's lack of willingness to release Mr. Simma from imprisonment while his N-600 application is pending.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION -

VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT – RESPONDENTS' PROLONGED DETENTION OF MR. SIMMA IS NOT REASONABLY RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THE DETENTION STATUTE

- 52. The foregoing allegations are repeated and fully incorporated herein.
- 53. Immigration detention violates due process unless such detention is reasonably related to its purpose. Zadvydas, 533 U.S. at 690 (citing Jackson v. Indiana, 406 U.S. 715, 738 (1972)); Demore v. Kim, 538 U.S. at 513 (upholding a brief period of mandatory detention only when necessary). Moreover, as detention becomes prolonged, the Due Process Clause requires a sufficiently strong justification to outweigh the significant deprivation of liberty, and demands strong procedural protections to ensure the sufficiency of that justification. Zadvydas, 533 U.S. at 690-91.
- In Demore v. Kim, the Supreme Court analyzed § 236(c) within a framework that imprisonment under the mandatory detention provision has a definite termination point, generally less than 90 days. The Executive Office for Immigration Review calculated the average detention time to be 47 days with a medium of 30 days. See Demore v. Kim, 538 U.S. at 529. Mr. Simma has already endured three plus months of imprisonment and will likely suffer many more without this Court's intervention. Indefinite imprisonment, with no finality, does not comport with the purpose of the detention statute.

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55. The reasonable purpose of the detention statue is not served here also because th
statute is never meant to be applied to a person with a strong claim of citizenship. As shown
above, Mr. Simma meets the requirements under INA § 321(a). Respondents' detention of Mr.
Simma does not comport with the plain language of INA § 236 that limits the detention power t
aliens. Both the Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit have cautioned the limited nature of that
power, which Respondents in this case have not observed. Demore v. Kim, 538 U.S. at 521
(2003) (citing Mathews v. Diaz, 426 U.S. 67 (1976)); Tijani v. Willis, 430 F. 3d 1241, 1242 (9th
Cir. 2005).

- 56. In a removal proceeding such as Mr. Simma's, the government bears the burden of proving the individual's alienage by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence. See Woodby v. INS, 385 U.S. 276 (1966). In the removal proceedings, the government has not met its burden in light of Mr. Simma's prima facie evidence of citizenship. As such, Mr. Simma should not be held continuously under a rebutted assumption of alienage.
- 57. Finally, it is well settled that a U.S. citizen cannot lose his or her citizenship status unless the government can prove that the person intended to relinquish citizenship. U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. 14; Rivera v. Ashcroft, 394 F.3d 1129, 1137 (9th Cir. 2005). The government has not alleged such relinquishment in Immigration Court. Mr. Simma has presented a substantial claim of citizenship to both the Immigration Court and the Department of Homeland Security. His continued detention rests on Respondents' incorrect assumption of alienage. As such, the prolonged detention is not reasonably related to the purpose of the detention provisions of INA and cannot be justified.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff-Petitioner prays that this Court grant the following relief:

- Assume jurisdiction over this matter; a.
- b. Order Respondents to show cause, within three days of filing this petition, why the writ of habeas corpus should not be granted, and set a hearing on this matter within five days of respondents' return on the order to show

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cause, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243;
c. Grant the writ of habeas corpus and order the immediate release of Mr.
Simma from custody, under reasonable conditions of supervision for the
duration of the removal proceedings;
d. Declare that Respondents' continued detention of Mr. Simma is not
authorized by the detention provisions of the Immigration and Nationality
Act;
e. Declare that Respondents' continued detention of Mr. Simma violates the
Non-Detention Act;
f. Declare that Respondents' continued detention of Mr. Simma violates the
Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment;
g. Grant any other and further relief that this Court deems just and proper.
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VERIFICATION

- I, Yuttasak Simma, under penalty of perjury state the following:
- 1. I am the Petitioner to whom the foregoing Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus relates.
 - 2. I affirm the truth of the factual contents of the Petition.

Dated: <u>JVIY 6-0</u>



Yuttasak Simma

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BIRTH CERTIFICATE

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